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Newsletter #99:

What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

Hello from New York City! I write this newsletter from the back of the auction room where Triton is now in its last session. We've had Heritage, The New York Sale and Triton auctions over the last few days. There has been rigorous bidding from many folks and generally a very exciting time had by all. The auctions can be rather entertaining with some outrageous behavior and also alternatively very boring periods. One usually feels pretty wiped out at the end of the auction period and beginning of the bourse.

The show is ending tomorrow as I write this and the bourse seemed far more busy than last year despite the conflict with the FUN show in Florida. Next year we are told that the shows will not conflict and to be honest it wasn't anyone's fault. The Grand Hyatt, where the show takes place, had a conflict so the show's dates were changed after the fact. Next year hopefully our friends from the FUN show will be able to attend the New York International and we will see even more folks.

I have a lot of new inventory that hasn't yet been photographed and put up on my website so stay tuned for some nice material. I've been scouring the auctions and finding nice pieces to offer. I should be adding a lot of new inventory to my site and vcoins in the next weeks. Stay tuned!

Bertolami E-Live Auction 64 - Numismatic Literature (Jan 14)

Bertolami has a massive numismatic literature auction with 1,037 pieces which closes on January 14. If you are like me then finding missing books for ones library is essential. Often European coin collectors from the past had large libraries and so we see a lot of these come up in auction. It is a great time to find those long sought after books. Just looking at the lots I noticed several difficult to get titles. If you need any books this is worth your time to check it out. Get in touch if you would like me to bid for you.

Stacks Bower New York International Session E (Jan 14)

While there isn't an overabundance of ancients on offer it is worth your time to check out this auction. There are 979 coins in this auction and while most are encapsulated, so difficult to view, I noticed some nice types.

Dix Noonan Webb (Jan 16)

DNW has an auction of mainly British and other world coinage consisting of 900 lots. In the last few years I have become interested in British hammered coinage and I find that DNW is a good resource to find reasonably priced pieces. Check it out on Sixbid or Numisbids.

Peus E-Auction 8 (Jan 19)

There are 944 lots of both ancient and world coins being offered in this upcoming e-sale from Peus. The e-auctions make it possible to find reasonably priced material and many times with pedigrees attached. Starting prices are very low so the possibility of getting a good deal is pretty high even with buyer's premiums figured in. This auction can be found via Sixbid or Numisbids.

Savoca Coins 15th Blue Auction (Jan 19)

Savoca out of Munich has a rather large e-auction on January 19th with 1,411 coins. Savoca has incredibly low starting prices and a large variety of coins, some very obscure, to be found. Quality is more at the modest end but if you are looking for a hard to find Greek bronze this may be the place to find it.

Upcoming Trade Show - Long Beach (Jan 31-Feb 2)

The Long Beach Show is taking place for 3 days from January 31-February 2. The show is primarily seen as a U.S./World show but there are ancient dealers that do attend and I often consider to try the show out. More enticing is that Ira and Larry Goldberg hold one of their auctions before the Long Beach show. The catalogs for Goldberg's auction is already out and I will undoubtedly be participating either online or by phone. I'm still undecided if I will attend the show but if you live in the vicinity where it might be easy to attend or you are traveling out to the Long Beach area you might consider it. Here is a link to their show guide:

<http://www.longbeachexpo.com/documents/ShowProgram219.pdf>

Social Media Question

I would love to get your opinion on social media. Do you think that social media works for coin collectors? Do you ever go on Facebook, Twitter or any other social platform to talk with fellow coin enthusiasts? I'm trying to figure out the best way to reach out in a non-annoying way to collectors. For me I feel that the newsletters are the way to go but I've been told otherwise recently by a lot of folks. What do you think? I'd love your thoughts.



Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/carthage-in-sicily-and-north-africa-uncertain-mint-in-sicily-c-350-320-bc?rq=gk1252>

CARTHAGE IN SICILY AND NORTH AFRICA. Uncertain mint in Sicily, c. 350-320 BC
AR Tetradrachm, 16.95g (23mm, 7h). Head of Tanit-Persephone l., wearing wreath of reeds / Horse prancing r.; behind, palm tree with cluster of dates.

Pedigree: Ex NAC 8, 1995, 197; NGSA I, 2000, 63 and Gorny & Mosch 146, 2006, 81 sales

Price: \$19,750

Carthage, located in northern Africa, was founded in c. 814 BC by the Phoenicians. It was originally dependant on the city of Tyre until about c. 650 BC when it gained its independence. At that point it started to seize control over other Phoenician settlements located in the Mediterranean. With its superior location near the sea it became a trading post for the area. From 600-265 BC Carthage was in periodic wars with nearby Sicily. This coin was struck towards the end of the Sicilian-Carthaginian conflicts. Stylistically the coins of Carthage bear resemblance to their Sicilian counterparts. There were likely Sicilian die cutters that went to work in Carthage as similarities are stark. The goddess Arethusa and the Carthaginian version of Tanit-Persephone are beautifully sculpted. The quadriga which is a standard reverse (or obverse type on some issues) for the Sicilians is transformed into a single horse for the coinage of Carthage.

References: McClean 3037 (these dies). Jenkins Punic Sicily 122

Grade: Rare. A very attractive issue of fine style, lightly toned, an almost invisible porosity on r. reverse field, otherwise EF/aEF

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
Shanna

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